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To: The Chair and Members of the Standards Committee County Hall Topsham Road Exeter Devon EX2 4QD

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 4th November, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm to consider the following matters.

Phil Norrey Chief Executive

AGENDA

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 <u>Apologies for absence</u>
- 2 <u>Minutes</u>

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 June 2021, previously circulated.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4 <u>Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct</u> (Pages 1 - 40)

Report of the County Solicitor analysing the content of the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct and a comparison to the Council's current own Code of Conduct, attached.

Also attached is the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct and a copy of the Council's own Code.

Members are asked to consider the various discussion points with a view to retaining the current Code or any suggested amendments which would be brought back to the next meeting.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

STANDING ITEMS

5 <u>Ethical Governance Framework: Monitoring</u> (Pages 41 - 42)

Report of the County Solicitor (CSO/21/17) on co-opted members' attendance at a meeting of the Devon Education Forum, monitoring compliance with the Council's ethical governance framework, attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6 <u>Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 20/21</u> (Pages 43 - 58)

Report of the Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support on the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review Letter for 2020-21, attached.

The letter received from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman is also attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

7 <u>Local Determination of Complaints</u>

County Solicitor to report on complaints or allegations of a breach of the Council's Members' Code of Conduct received since the last meeting, if any.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

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